

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Initially, Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for conducting an interview with Applicant's representative, David K. Sakata, on October 20, 2008.

During the interview, several proposed claim amendments were discussed solely in the interest of moving prosecution forward and without giving propriety to the rejections.

Applicant understood the Examiner to tentatively agree that claims 1, 10, 17, 25, 26 and 31, if amended as proposed during the interview, would be allowable over at least the cited portions of the references of record. Thus, solely in the interest of moving prosecution forward in an expedited manner, Applicant herein amends the independents claims as discussed during the interview.

Thus, the pending claims are believed to be allowable for at least the reasons discussed during the interview.